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System and Method for Facilitating Recovery from Communication Link Failures

in a Digital Data Network

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AMENDMENT A

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 5, 2001. The applicants hereby request a one-month extension of the time allowed for response. A petition for the extension and the required extension fee are enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 23, 35 and 39-50.

Please amend claims 2 and 27 as follows:

(Amended) A method of recovering from failures on a network having a plurality of nodes-coupled-by-links-over which data can be transferred between the nodes, each of a

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